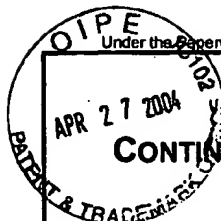


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First Named Inventor	Aloys Wobben
Art Unit	3745
Examiner Name	James M. McAleenan
Attorney Docket Number	970054.406USPC

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